



Wayside Loop Trail

FIND YOUR PARK

The Lindenwald Wayside Trail is a three-quarter mile loop trail around the grounds. There are eleven outdoor interpretive markers - waysides - which contain information about Martin Van Buren and his Lindenwald farm. The Wayside Trail can be used any time the park is open which is from 7:00am to sunset throughout the year.

While walking the trail you can connect to more of the stories told at Lindenwald using the convenience of your own cell phone. Here's how:

If using a smart phone enter the link **mava.toursphere.com** into your phone's browser to enjoy additional photos, audio, and links at each wayside. To listen to audio only as you visit each of the stops, call **518-660-0600**. Enter the number of the wayside exhibit to enjoy a short narration (3-10 minutes) expanding the information on the exhibit.

Begin in the parking lot and follow the directions in this bulletin for an introduction to the nation's eighth president as well as an enjoyable walk.

A Walk in the Park

1. Welcome! If you haven't already been to the wayside in the parking lot begin here. You will get an introduction to our 8th president and his beloved Lindenwald. From the parking lot proceed left down Old Post Road to the next stop on the right.

2. Uncovering the Past - Researching the past often involves many disciplines including archeology. Here you can learn what was discovered about Lindenwald from the old north gatehouse site. Continue to the left down the road to the third wayside.

3. Lindenwald and Old Post Road - See the route of Old Post Road through Columbia County when Martin Van Buren lived here and also learn what a linden leaf looks like. Go across the lawn toward the house to see the next wayside.

4. A House Transformed - In 1849, Martin Van Buren commissioned Richard Upjohn to redesign and expand the house. The result was the quirky 36-room mansion we see today. Walk back to Old Post Road and continue south to the gatehouse for the fifth wayside.

5. Farmhands and Fishing - Lindenwald was a large farm of 230 acres. A great deal of farmwork occurred here, but there was occasionally time for leisure. Continue up the carriage path to the hop poles and look for the wayside.

6. Farm Operations - Discover one of the agricultural experiments conducted at Lindenwald while Martin Van Buren lived here and try to figure out why the farm office had as many doors as it

did. The next wayside is ahead of you to the right.

7. An Agrarian Lifestyle - Much of what was grown at Lindenwald found its way to market in New York City. The fields of Lindenwald are still productive to this day. Across the field you can see the grave of the mansion's original owner. Turn around and walk over to the rear of the mansion for the next wayside.

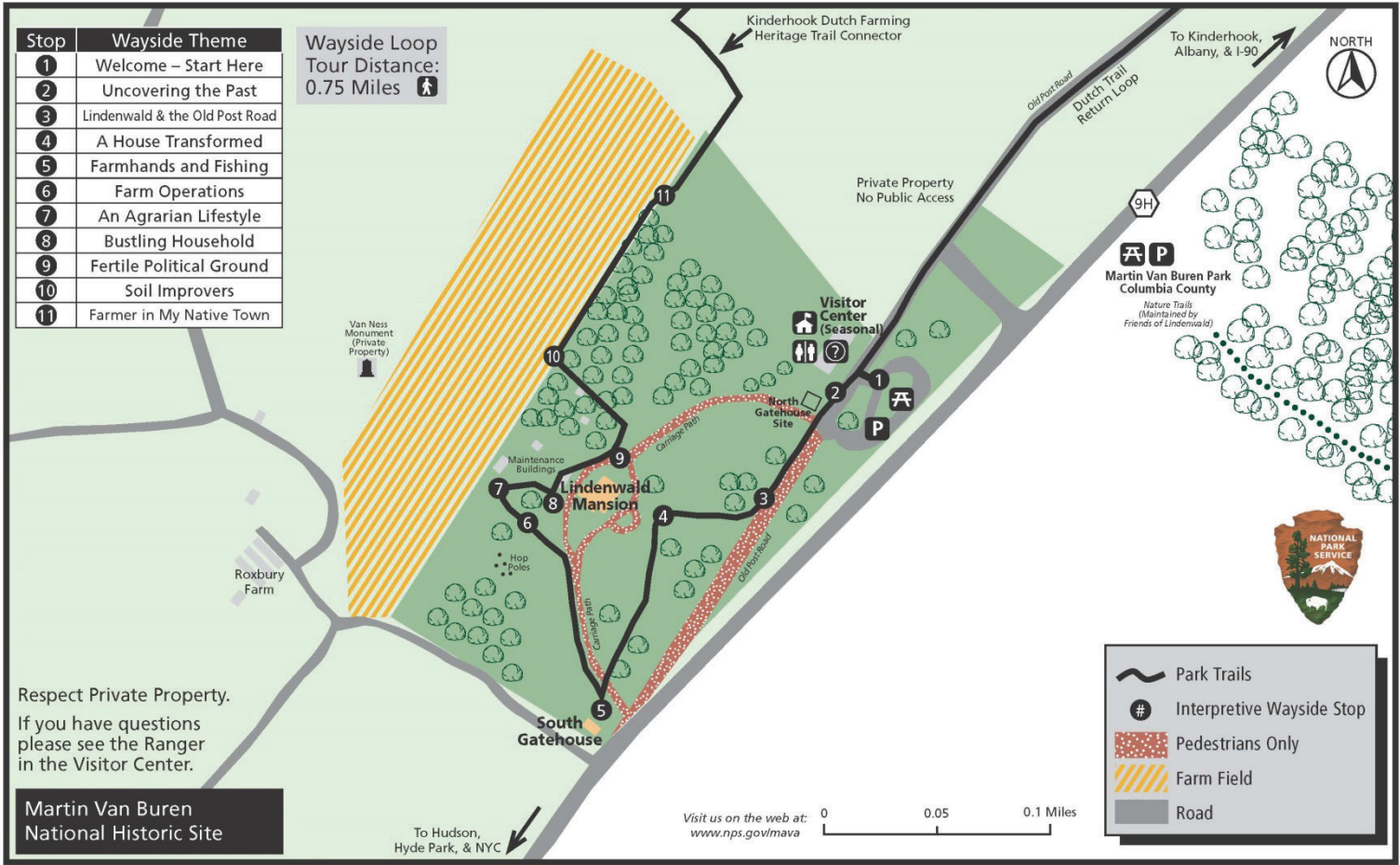
8. Bustling Household - This wayside describes the community of people who lived and worked at Lindenwald. To the left, near the mansion's north entrance is the ninth wayside.

9. Fertile Political Ground - Van Buren purchased this property while he was president and he remained politically active for many years after moving here. Follow the path behind you through the woods for 75 yards to the field for the tenth wayside.

10. Soil Improvers - In the early years of the republic Van Buren and others constituted a group known as soil improvers, who hoped to reverse the common practice of moving west to new lands. Their goal was to create a more sustainable agricultural system while also preventing the loss of political power that would result from the depopulation of the northeast.

11. A farmer in my native town - Although he held many prestigious offices throughout his life, Martin Van Buren was most happy while a farmer at home in the beautiful Hudson River Valley.





Scavenger Hunt
for Young
Visitors

Younger visitors (or the young at heart) can attempt The Wayside Loop Trail Scavenger Hunt while enjoying the trail. The scavenger hunt is a game in which you have to find all of the answers to the clues on this list. If you can complete the list in one hour or less you will qualify for a Martin Van Buren National Historic Site “Super Scholar” certificate.

You can receive a scavenger hunt list by speaking to the ranger in the visitor center or by going to the park fun link

on our web page at <https://www.nps.gov/mava/learn/kidsyouth/parkfun.htm>

If you finish your list in less than an hour bring it to the Visitor Center and present it to the Park Ranger there who will inspect it to see if you qualify as a Super Scholar. Remember to keep an eye on the time and carefully read and look at each wayside to see if you can spot the correct answers. Good luck!

Kinderhook
Dutch Farming
Heritage Trail



Community members in the towns of Kinderhook, Stuyvesant and Stockport have been busy over the last decade working to establish recreational trails in the three communities. That work has resulted in the development and completion of the **Kinderhook Dutch Farming Heritage Trail**. There is a half mile connector trail linking Wayside Loop Trail stop 11 to the main Kinderhook Dutch Farming Heritage Trail.

Both the connector trail and the main trail are well marked and can be easily followed. Hikers can enjoy forest, farm, and stream views, while hiking along rolling hills. From Martin Van Buren National Historic Site the path

allows you to enjoy the fields and woods of Roxbury Farm leading to the Van Alen House property, owned by Columbia County Historical Society. Returning across Roxbury Farm the trail follows a historic portion of Old Post Road leading back to the visitor parking lot of Martin Van Buren National Historic Site.

Please use the trail regularly and enjoy it responsibly. Always respect the rights of property owners and abutters. A separate bulletin with rules and other information about the Kinderhook Dutch farming Heritage Trail is available at the park visitor center. No dogs are allowed on the trail.